According to the terms of the agreement what amount are the Committee to pay; how much they actually paid?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Rs. 3,495—2—7.

The Committee have to make good this amount according to the agreement. They have paid nothing yet and the matter is under correspondence.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long was this amount due?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—About a year, I should think.

Kole cultivation.

156. Mr. C V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has been receiving complaints during the last decade that kole cultivation in the State was becoming more expensive;

(b) whether the Government have enquired into the causes which have gone to increase the cost of kole cultivation; if so, what are the causes;

(c) whether the Government have noted that year after year kole cultivation has been becoming more and more unpopular amongst the agriculturists;

(d) whether the Government have discovered the reasons for the growing unpopularity;

(e) whether the Government has taken any action upon the report submitted by the Kole Committee appointed during the Diwanship of Sir (then Mr.) T. Vijayaraghavacharya; if the answer to question (e) be in the affirmative, what are the steps the Government have taken on the Kole Committee's report; whether action on the Kole Committee's report was dropped at any stage; if so, when, at what stage and why?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b), (c), (d) and (e). The Member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1926 and 1st January 1927, P. No. 598 of 1101, published on pages 690 and 133 and 134 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101 and 24th Dhanu 1102, which set forth the nature of the investigations made in the matter and the orders passed thereon by Government.

Toll-gate in Chowwara.

157. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the toll-bar on the road from Chowwara to Vellarappalli was put up;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the people of the locality feel thetoll as an unjustifiable burden on them;

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(c) what are the amounts for which the toll has been auctioned since its inception?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) From 15th Makaram 1103.

(b) Some people of the locality represented to the Diwan Peishkar on 28th Mithunam 1103 (the date of sale of the tolls in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk for 1104) the hardship caused to them. The Tahsildar was accordingly asked to enquire into the matter. Pending the disposal of the complaint the auction of the toll in question was not conducted on that day.

(c) At first for Rs. 250. But the bidder failed to deposit the security. The toll was accordingly reauctioned. The amount fetched at the resale was Rs. 155.

Construction of a Church at Perambra Village.

158. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government received a petition from Pullen Vareed Ousephunni and others of the Perambra village, Mukundapuram Taluk, praying the Government for sanction to construct a Church and cemetery in Survey No. 154 of the Perambra Village on 29th February 1928, and if so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of it on the Table;

(b) whether any action has been taken upon this petition; and if so, what it is;

(c) whether the Diwan Peishkar and the Mukundapuram Tahsildar have submitted reports on this matter before and after the Government received the petition referred to in (a), and if so, will the Government be pleased to lay them on the Table?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes. A copy of the petition is placed on the Table. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(a) The matter is under enquiry.

(c) Yes. Government consider that it is not in public interests to place such reports on the Table at this stage.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Is there not a rule, Sir, that, within 90 days from the date of applying for the erection of a religious institution for public worship, orders should be passed and that, in the absence of any orders within 90 days, they might erect the place of worship?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—This is dated 29th February 1928. Nearly 4 or 5 months have elapsed.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I think

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